

**DPW Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, October 22, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m. – Police Station Community Room**

A meeting of the DPW Commissioners was held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, 10/22/14 in the Community Room of the Police Station; present were Commissioner Gardner and Chairman Sena; Commissioner Reed was not present.

**7:20 PM      Approval Items:**

Board of Commissioners Minutes Approval: Commissioner Gardner moved to approve the minutes of the 10/8/14 meeting, seconded by Chairman Sena, Vote: 2-0.

Approval of Sale of Cemetery Lots

**7:25 PM      Open Session:**

Open for Public Discussion with the Commissioners

**7:25 PM      New Business:**

Sewer Service Connection Request for 10 Hodgkins Road: B. Horne, home owner; said the current system is not in failure. Another homeowner, Osier, tied in already and is agreeing to allow B. Horne to tie in now. Chairman Sena said he would like to know what the maximum per single household for a 2" line is. He inquired is a 3" line necessary if there are 8 to 14 houses and they all flushed at the same time? Chairman Sena said he doesn't have a problem going through the plan but he wants information on the width of the pipe, and would like to find out exactly, in this area, where the plumbing ties in; and what the build out might look like. Commissioner Gardner recommended reviewing this again at the next meeting after we learn more about this. Chairman Sena said we're not opposing this, but we need to know the specifications.

**7:55 PM      Ongoing Business:**

Transfer Station Single Stream Recycling & Traffic Flow: IPR and JRM, J. Parisi said Rockport's two year average is bringing \$4,240 /yr., 565 tons X 7.50 per ton. Hauling costs (including glass) \$6.59/ton, net cost for recycling operation offset by revenues of paper, we're about \$1.64/ton.

IPR single stream, paper revenue share, they'll take ½ of the tonnage of mixed recyclables, and use that as the basis of the paper that they can cull from that single stream tonnage. If the prices on the index is above \$60 the cost would be shared 50/50. The market for paper is pretty low at the moment; we're not going to get a lot of revenue from paper, the cost per year would be \$21,387.

JRM single stream, \$30/ton plus a haul cost of \$170, they are more expensive than IPR but they would provide compactors; the cost per year would be \$42,665.

J. Parisi said we are still waiting to hear from Hiltz, Waste Management and Casella; their proposals should be here by next week.

In 2011 solid waste was 2,662; it increased to 2,743 in 2013. Solid waste trash disposal has increased.

Selectperson Battistelli said the Board of Selectmen hasn't heard from any residents with any complaints, she said she thinks we would probably receive complaints if we moved entirely to pay-as-you-go.

T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, questioned how many pay-as-you-throw stickers are there, most of what goes in there is lose.

Bill Wagner, Finance Committee, said 62% are flat fee.

Chairman Sena said many more communities are going single stream. We are the only community with both pay-as-you-throw and flat fee.

Selectperson Battistelli said she is not in favor of single stream; she said there may be other ways we can incentivize recycling.

11/9 is last Sunday for the transfer station.

Energy Efficiency Update: J. Parisi said new light fixtures for both the water and sewer plants were delivered; the low lift pump motors are on order. Proposals from Weston and Sampson have been received to replace the annex and town hall lighting; this is before the capital committee. It was questioned what the payback period would be for the street lights to go to LED; there will be a capital investment. J. Parisi said there is a solar agreement in place and we're retaining 10% of the credits.

Highway Position Justification:

There are two vacancies in public properties; the water and sewer departments have five employees. The town could use another highway employee. We would have to look for specific skills. The DPW has permission to fill two vacancies. J. Parisi said FY '16 is a level funded budget. Before requesting additional staff members we need to be sure all employees are productive. Chairman Sena questioned if there is a process to evaluate and initiate corrective action for union employees. Chairman Sena said as long as documentation exists, we can move forward with discipline. Commissioner Gardner said we have supervisors nearing retirement, they are responsible, knowledgeable individuals; he said we'd like to have some individuals under them that they can mentor.

An increase in power costs is expected to increase for the FY 16 budget.

**8:15 PM      Ongoing Capital Projects :** Granite Pier is finished; Bearskin Neck breakwater will be starting soon. The Pigeon Hill water tank is scheduled for tomorrow and the Pingree Park tennis courts are out to bid again. Draft design plans for Back Beach and work at the wastewater plant are ongoing. Regarding a new pump at Flat Ledge, J. Parisi said there is a recommendation that we go a step further and pipe it down to the bottom of the quarry and perhaps relocate the pump station. We are requesting additional funding to go along with the \$50,000. Chairman Sena recommended an electric floating pump with flex pipe, taking just the top water not the sludge. We would need to see what happens in the cold weather. Commissioner Gardner said there were six inches of water in the parking lot at the train; the storm drain isn't draining. It was questioned where the MBTA is with their plan; the drain should be repaired. J. Parisi said he will investigate. Commissioner Gardner said it would be great if the MBTA could move that far right hand track. Selectperson Battistelli said she will ask that the most recent MBTA plans be forwarded to J. Parisi. T. Arsenian, 95 Granite Street, questioned if the MBTA is going to meet their court judgment. Selectperson Battistelli said they are in violation of the consent decree. Director Parisi questioned if we should continue plowing that parking lot.

**8:30 PM:** Other Issues of Discussion: Selectperson Battistelli said tomorrow at 3:30, some members of the Board of Selectmen are visiting the DPW barn. She said they may be visiting some other town owned facilities as well.

Tickler List:

Cell Tower Lease funds

Tracking special projects by hours

Energy Efficiency

Sewer Use Regulations

Transfer Station Redesign

DPW facility

Water & Sewer Rates (long term debt and indirect expense detail)

**Next Meeting:** Wed., November 12, 2014, 7pm in the Community Room at the Police Station.

8:45 PM      Commissioner Gardner moved to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Sena, Vote: 2-0.